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1 Democrats criticized the lack of women on a working group in the Republican-led Senate that will craft a plan to pass legislation to repeal and replace Obamacare. Senators questioned why the 13-member working group put together by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell does not include any of the chamber's five Republican women. "Women's health is a big part of this and women are a

majority of the population, and their health interests deserve to be contemplated in any reform," Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein said on NBC's "Meet the Press." REUTERS

KCNA: N. KOREA DETAINS AMERICAN CITIZEN

2 North Korea said on Sunday it has detained another U.S. citizen on suspicion of "hostile acts" against the state, which would make him the fourth American to be held by the isolated country amid heightened diplomatic tensions with Washington. Kim Hak Song, who worked for the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, was detained on Saturday, the North's KCNA news agency said. "A relevant institution of the DPRK detained American citizen Kim Hak Song on May 6 under a law of the DPRK on suspension of his hostile acts against it," KCNA said. DPRK is short for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name. A third U.S. citizen, Kim Sang Dok, who was associated with the same school, was detained in late April for hostile acts, according to the North's official media. REUTERS

HEAD OF ISLAMIC STATE IN AFGHANISTAN KILLED

3 The head of Islamic State in Afghanistan, Abdul Hasib, was killed in an operation on April 27 conducted jointly by Afghan and U.S. Special Forces in the eastern province of Nangarhar, U.S. and Afghan officials said. Hasib, appointed last year after his predecessor Hafiz Saeed Khan died in a U.S. drone strike, is believed to have ordered a series of high profile attacks including one in March 8 on the main military hospital in Kabul. Last month, a Pentagon spokesman said Hasib had probably been killed during the raid by U.S. and Afghan special forces in Nangarhar during which two U.S. army Rangers were killed, but prior to Sunday's announcement there had been no confirmation. This successful operation is another important step in our relentless campaign to defeat ISIS-K in 2017," U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Nicholson said. REUTERS

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CUBA HOSTS FIRST TRANSGENDER MASS

5 For decades belonging to a religion and being anything but heterosexual was stigmatized in Communist-ruled, macho Cuba, making the Mass held by three transgender pastors in the western Cuban city of Matanzas all the more groundbreaking. Rainbow flags decorated the chapel, while the pastors, who had flown in from Brazil, Canada and the United States, wore stoles in the trans hues of light blue, pink and white and the congregation swayed to Caribbean beats. Friday was the first time a trans pastor held a Holy Communion in Cuba, highlighting how much the island nation has changed since both religious believers and homosexuals went to "correctional" labor camps in the early years after the 1959 revolution. REUTERS

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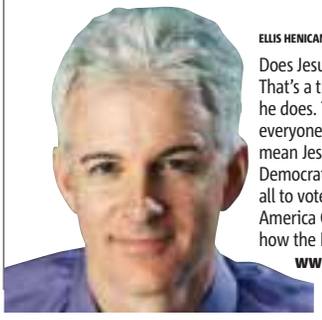

ELLIS HENICAN, OPINION COLUMNIST

Does Jesus love Donald Trump? That's a trick question. Of course he does. The son of God loves everyone. But that doesn't mean Jesus is a Republican. Or a Democrat. Or that he wanted us all to vote last November to Make America Great Again. That's not how the Prince of Peace rolls.

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Youth hostels in NYC are wary of a slump in guests over fears related to President Trump's planned travel ban. ALL IMAGES LUC KORDAS

Trump immigration fears mean drop-off in youth hostel business

Reservations are being canceled over fears of the president's policies.

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Tove, a tourist roaming Times Square last week, had just come to the U.S. for the first time from Norway. But she was hesitant to comment on the political climate.

"I didn't think Trump would be the president, and I didn't think the Americans would support him," she said.

When asked about her thoughts on his proposed ban on immigrants from several Arab-majority nations, she took a pause.

"It's Trump," she finally replied. "He's a very strange person."

President Trump's travel ban has been halted for now, but New York City's tourism market is already paying the price.

NYC & Company, the city's official tourism organization, revised its 2017 forecast after the inauguration and is now expecting the number of foreign visitors to plummet by around 300,000 guests.

"With all the rhetoric and imposing these impediments on international travel and proposing them, people are concerned what their experiences may be at the border," said Chris Heywood, senior vice president of global communications for NYC & Company.

In March, Hosteling International USA (HI USA), a nonprofit which owns a large hostel on Amsterdam Ave. and 103rd St., suffered a massive cancellation for this summer of around 1,000 beds due to a group of international visitors' concerns about entry into the U.S.

Despite widespread backlash against the travel ban within New York, certain hostels were reluctant to comment on it.

HI USA President and CEO Russ Hedge did not respond to repeated requests for comment. HI USA spokeswoman Netanya Trimboli said HI USA's international visitors in New York have consistently accounted for 67 percent of their total customers since 2015.

"It's Trump – he's a very strange person."
Tove

But NYC & Company has projected a decline in foreign visitors and a rise in domestic travel instead.

Heywood said his organization is concerned about President Trump's policies and the perception of the U.S.

"Words matter, and people have extraordinary decisions they can make among travel destinations," he said. "Those destinations that portray a welcoming image will perhaps have a competitive advantage."

The organization is "advocating striking a balance between secure borders and open doors," Heywood said.

To tackle the city's image crisis, NYC & Company is spearheading a new marketing campaign abroad with colorful images of Lady Liberty captioned "New York City Welcoming the World."

Heywood said marketing New York as a destination is difficult, and the future remains uncertain.

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THE ANGER GAMES

ASTRID HARDERS

Opinion

Journalist and Williamsburg resident

After the popular Brooklyn Flea recently left its new home at East River State Park in Williamsburg less than a month after moving in, journalist and Williamsburg resident Astrid Harders (@tintosinazucar) explains the crowded, noisy neighborhood vibe as more young people arrive. Please share your opinions with Metro via Facebook or Twitter (@MetroNewYork).

Let's get one thing out of the way: I'm the worst. I live in a gentrified neighborhood. I'm to blame. Now that we've established that, we can address the second and third waves of young people in Williamsburg. I want to start with a particular softball team that played in McCarren Park last summer. I bring those softball players up because I fear that soon they will be back. They will half-jog into the park with their matching jerseys, and they will produce clouds of dust. And then it will happen: Their DJ will roll two XXL speakers onto the once fluffy grass and crank up the sh—iest dance hits. Last year, the thumping bass could be heard all the way in McGolrick Park in Greenpoint.

Guys, it's phenomenal that you have an activity in common. It's fantastic that you are exercising, but do you have to noise-pollute a cherished (and scarce) spot in nature where people go to relax? That afternoon last summer, my husband and I gave up on the books we were reading and stomped home. You audio-bullied us out of a community public space. It's a park! Birds and squirrels should be the ones partying! Wanna hear awful, loud music and interact with balls? Go to a bar in the Meatpacking District.

The street where thrift fashion and loud restaurants bloom, Bedford Avenue. **CARLOS LLAMAS**

The anger the softball DJ produces in me can probably only be matched by the latest craze in Williamsburg: restaurants that serve noise. I get it: Skinny-jeans-wearing, Morrissey-quote-tattoo-owning waiters are totally into their Spotify playlists, but they're also serving people the wrong plates because they can't hear what folks are ordering.

While there might be a marketing technique behind the insane volumes in restaurants, I think this love of noise has something in common with the softball DJ: selfishness.

Lastly, let's talk crowds. Yeah, it's NYC — we're all constantly way closer to a stranger than we'd like to be. But usually, crowds during rush hour on the subway, for example, have a precise purpose: People need to get to work. The massive crowds of distracted and slow youngsters using this neighborhood as some sort of thrift-store catwalk likely have little purpose. It's because of this that I am kind of psyched about the L train shutdown.

I'd gladly turn in all this anger for some community. How about a little less obnoxiousness, a lot less noise pollution and a lot more mindfulness? Because I still want to live in this beautiful neighborhood.

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A new approach to tackling race relations around the globe

WRITTEN BY
Amy Smith

It's no secret that the oppression of black people is alive and well, on both a national and global scale. Metro caught up with clinical psychologist Jerome E. Fox, Ph.D. to discuss his new book: *Addicted to White: The Oppressed in League with the Oppressor.*

You've described your book as being "a bit unusual, as it presents critical analysis decorated with poetic 'accents' and grounded by Biblical citations, all in a workbook style." Why did you write this workbook?

"Because of the overall wretched conditions of black people globally. In every society on earth where whites and more richly pigmented people inhabit the same terrain, the lowest socioeconomic class is replete (disproportionately) with black and brown citizens. The normal bell-shape curve cannot be applied!"

How will your book rectify that?

"I offer a behavioral prescription for solving what I consider to be the major problem facing us. In short, black people are addicted to an oppressive white value system which has frustrated our natural quests for life, liberty, and the pursuit of blessedness. A grave obstacle to our wellbeing lies in our ideological entanglement with a white supremacist social order predicated on narcissism, greed, and unjustifiable violence which are at the root of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. identified respectively as the 'triple evils of racism, poverty, and militarism engulfing black life.' Dr. King, along with others, also believed that a 'radical revolution of values' is needed to advance the cause of oppressed people worldwide."

What are you asking people to do?

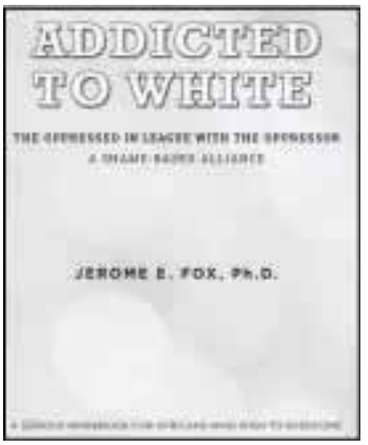
"In *Addicted to White: The Oppressed in League with the Oppressor*, I detail a groundbreaking three-step group recovery procedure to counter white values and restore enlightenment, justice, goodness, and prosperity to black people everywhere.

White-value dependency develops in the context of the historical shaming of Africans and African culture. For a solution, black people must gather together, grounded in the self-help philosophy that nothing so much ensures immunity from active addiction as intensive work with fellow recovering addicts. Recovery work must tackle the borrowed white values and assumptions with which we view the world. This recovery work must be done first, before we can expect to achieve a permanent solution to our oppression. If Africans cannot remove the enemy from within, the enemy without has no reason to reverse himself; and all attempts to persuade him to do so may as well be abandoned.

As we attempt to organize in order to battle injustice, we soon discover that more black minds are 'incarcerated' than black bodies. And until the mental shackles of white-value dependency are addressed, any and all efforts to erase the physical marks of oppression (including chronic poverty, deadly police encounters, the black bourgeoisie's isolation from the black proletariat, you name it) will have only a limited impact (if any at all) on the lives of most black people."

Is there anything else you want the public to know?

"Firstly, I am grateful for those who have read this article with an open mind. Secondly, I wish to stress that, although



written for black people, progressive-thinking whites may also benefit from the values detoxification procedure I present in my workbook. I hope readers of *Addicted to White: The Oppressed in League with the Oppressor* (available now via Amazon) will implement my recovery strategy and, thereby, gain the clarity of purpose and unified prosocial action that follows getting clean and maintaining abstinence from the ideology of white supremacy in all of its intrapsychic, interpersonal, and institutional disguises."

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Macron wins French presidency,

President Donald Trump tweeted his congratulations on Macron's "big win," saying he looked forward to working with him.

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Pollsters' projections gave Macron a winning margin of around 65 percent to 35 — a gap wider than the 20 or so percentage points that pre-election surveys had suggested.

Even so, it was a record performance for the National Front, a party whose anti-immigrant policies once made it a pariah in French politics, and underlined the scale of the divisions that Macron must now try to heal.

Emmanuel Macron waves to supporters after winning the French presidential election, at The Louvre on Sunday in Paris, France. GETTY IMAGES

"I know the divisions in our nation, which have led some to vote for the extremes. I respect them," Macron said in an earnest address at his campaign headquarters, shown live on television.

"I know the anger, the anxiety, the doubts that very many of you have also expressed. It's my responsibility to hear them," he said.

Former ambassador

Ambassador Craig Stapleton, who served as the U.S. ambassador to France from 2005 to 2009 after holding a similar role in the Czech Republic, discussed what President-elect Emmanuel Macron's decisive victory means for France, the U.S. and the future of Europe.

"This is a very historic moment," Ambassador Stapleton said. "Nobody expected him, six months ago, to make it even to the final round [of voting]. Nobody thought he would be the president of France."

Macron, whose previous experience included a role as an economics minister, ran for the presidency under the banner of a new political party, En Marche, that he started, which may prove to be a difficulty when the time comes to forge political alliances in the French legislature.

"He's quite knowledgeable about the international financial world," Stapleton explained. "His problem is that he has no party, and France is governed through its legislature, so he will have to get votes from both the Socialists and Republicans — forging coalitions will be a big challenge."

Stapleton also elaborated on Macron's outsider image, saying that although he was not a member of any established party, his path to the presidency was not exactly that of an insurgent candidate.

"He went to the best schools and had an elite status. He ran on the program of the old system not working, and he was a new voice," Stapleton stated. "He has an establishment background. He is not an insurgent — he was in the system." Macron's campaign favored centrist policies that found middle ground in the space between the country's right and left wings.

"Centrists usually get picked apart, but in this election, his skill in finding the center in a country that has had trouble finding the center is a huge political accomplishment," Stapleton

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Macron

His immediate challenge will be to secure a majority in next month's parliamentary election for En Marche! (Onwards!), a political movement that is barely a year old, in order to implement his programme.

President Francois Hollande, who first brought Macron into national politics, said the result "confirms that a very large majority of our fellow citizens wanted to unite around the values of the Republic and show their attachment to the European Union."

Jean-Claude Juncker, the president of the European Commission, told Macron: "I am delighted that the ideas you defended of a strong and progressive Europe, which protects all its citizens, will be those that you will carry into your presidency."

Macron told German Chancellor Angela Merkel in a telephone call on Sunday after the result that he would travel to Berlin soon for talks.

Macron's team successfully managed to skirt several attempts to derail his campaign — by hacking its communications and distributing purportedly leaked documents — that were reminiscent of the hacking of Democratic Party communications during Hillary Clinton's election campaign.

Allegations by Macron's camp that it had been targeted in a massive computer hack that compromised emails added last-minute drama on Friday night, just as official campaigning was ending.

The 39-year-old former investment banker, who served for two years as economy minister under Hollande but has never previously held elected office, will become France's youngest leader since Napoleon.

Le Pen, 48, said she had also offered her congratulations. But she defiantly claimed the mantle of France's main opposition in calling on "all patriots to join us" in constituting a "new political force."

Her tally of around 35 percent was almost double the score that her father Jean-Marie, the last far-right candidate to make the presidential runoff, achieved in 2002, when he was trounced by the conservative Jacques Chirac.

Her high-spending, anti-globalisation "France-first" policies may have unnerved financial markets but they appealed to many poorer members of society against a background of high unemployment, social tensions and security concerns.

Despite having served briefly in Hollande's deeply unpopular Socialist government, Macron managed to portray himself as the man to revive France's fortunes by recasting a political landscape moulded by the left-right divisions of the last century. REUTERS

to France on results

Craig Stapleton GETTY IMAGES

"He's a Eurocentric guy. People who want to keep the EU together are thrilled to have him as the president of France."

Stapleton

stated, adding that the new president-elect will likely pursue a close relationship with the U.S. "From an American point of view, he speaks very good English and is well aware of the relationship between France and the U.S."

Likewise, Macron will probably favor a similarly stable role for France within the EU and NATO alliance.

"He's a Eurocentric guy. People who want to keep the EU together are thrilled to have him as the president of France," Stapleton said. "I presume, as a centrist, he wants to continue France's role as a military power and its role in NATO."

With his large victory in Sunday's election, Macron has already ascended to the world stage and will be a strong voice in international politics.

"He's an intriguing guy," Stapleton added. "He's a world figure already, one of the top five or 10 voices in the world, and he's got that voice. … He's going to be one of the most interesting people to watch."

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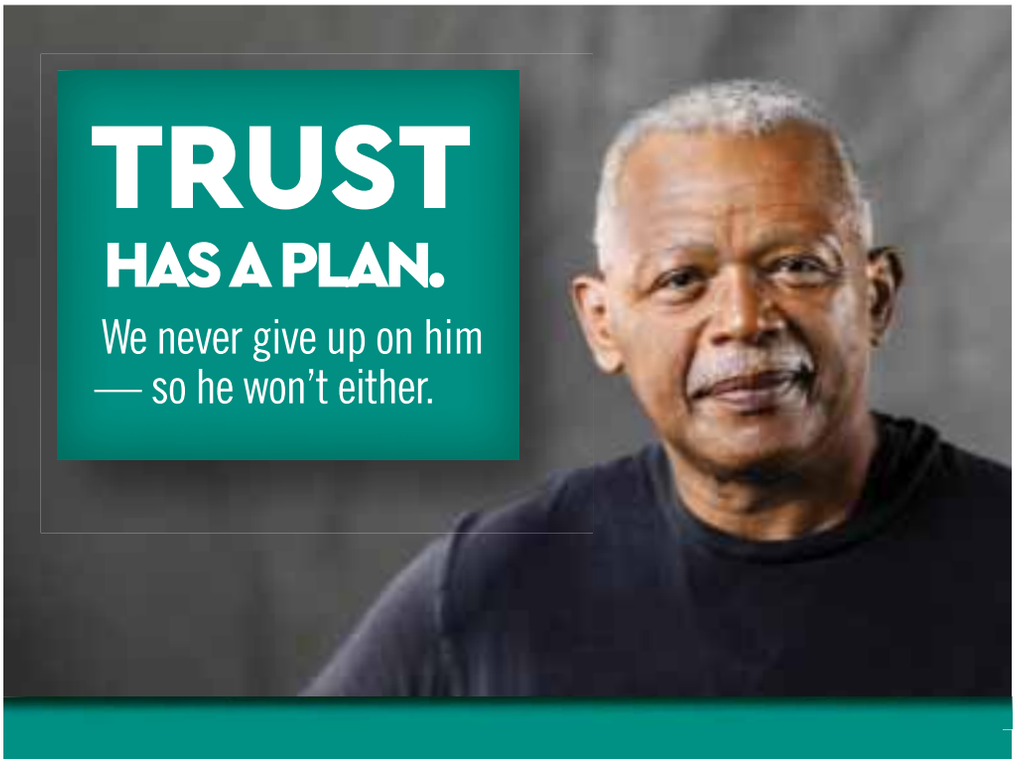

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Fire in Okefenokee wildlife refuge forces evacuations in Georgia

A wildfire in Georgia's Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has forced dozens of nearby residents to leave their homes, authorities said on Sunday, adding that the blaze might not be fully contained for months.

About 130,000 acres, or about a quarter of the refuge, have already burned, said Melanie Banton, a spokeswoman for firefighters and park officials battling the West Mims Fire, which began on April 6.

Most of the fire is within the refuge, which straddles Georgia's southeast border with Florida, but it is encroaching on private land. No injuries have been reported.

A shelter was set up in a gymnasium in Folkston, Georgia, for 79 residents in the tiny town of St. George, Georgia, who were told on Saturday to evacuate, Banton said.

Shifting winds have helped spread the fire, which was 12 percent contained as of Sunday morning, Banton said. She added it could take until November before the blaze is fully contained.

Winds gusts of up to 25 mph and low humidity boosted chances of the fire's spreading on Sunday, according to a statement issued by forestry and firefighting officials.

"Anything that can burn will burn if a hot ember falls," the statement said.

The fire burned into Florida last month and may advance into that state again, officials said on Sunday.

The West Mims fire burns in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

While much of the wildlife refuge is marshland and swamp, parts of it are prairie and wooded land. It is home to black bears, alligators and sandhill cranes.

Six years ago, a wildfire burned more than 300,000 acres of the 407,000-acre refuge, said Mark Davis, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which runs the refuge. REUTERS

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Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer

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***NY Pain MD* is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are There Any Better Options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that,here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make ***natural*** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

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Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at ***NY Pain MD*** have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

Summary: If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

#2: Radiofrequency Treatment

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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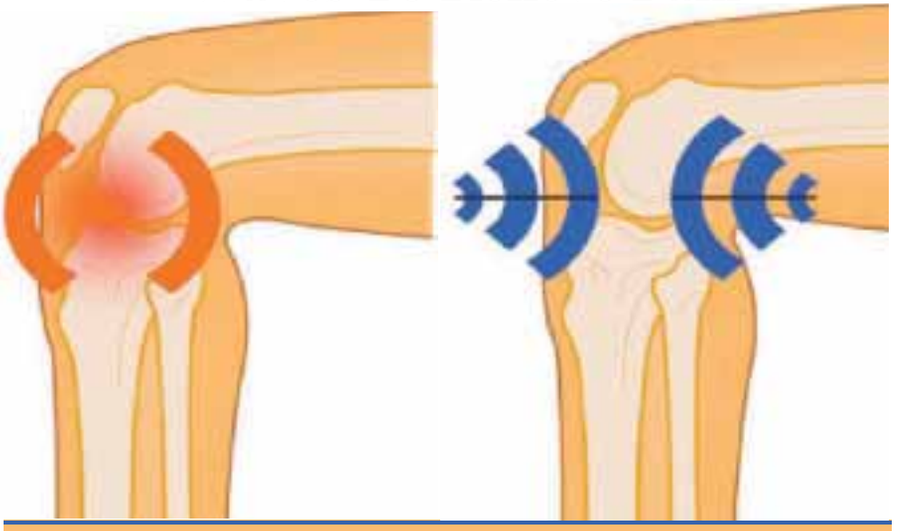

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: **Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

Several experts work as a team to offer you the best treatment options at the appropriate time to maximize results. It is also very convenient to have all your doctors and treatments in one place. Traveling to different offices can be time consuming and even more expensive.

NY Pain MD believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

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The unmanned X-37B, which resembles a miniature space shuttle, touched down at 7:47 a.m. on a runway formerly used for landings of the now-mothballed space shuttles, the Air Force said in an email.

The Boeing-built space plane blasted off in May 2015 from nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station aboard an Atlas 5 rocket built by United Launch Alliance, a partnership between Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co.

The X-37B, one of two in the Air Force fleet, conducted unspecified experiments for more than 700 days while in orbit. It was the fourth and lengthiest mission so far for the secretive program, managed by the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

The orbiters "perform risk reduction, experimentation and concept-of-operations development for reusable space vehicle technologies," the Air Force has said without providing details.

The Secure World Foundation, a nonprofit group promoting the peaceful exploration of space, says the secrecy surrounding the X-37B suggests the presence of intelligence-related hardware being tested or evaluated aboard the craft.

The vehicles are 29 feet long and have a wingspan of 15 feet, making them about one quarter of the size of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's now-retired space shuttles.

The X-37B, also known as Orbital Test Vehicle, or OTV, first flew in April 2010 and returned after eight months. A second mission launched in March 2011 and lasted 15 months, while a third took flight in December 2012 and returned after 22 months. REUTERS

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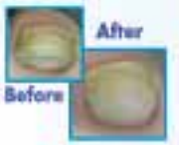

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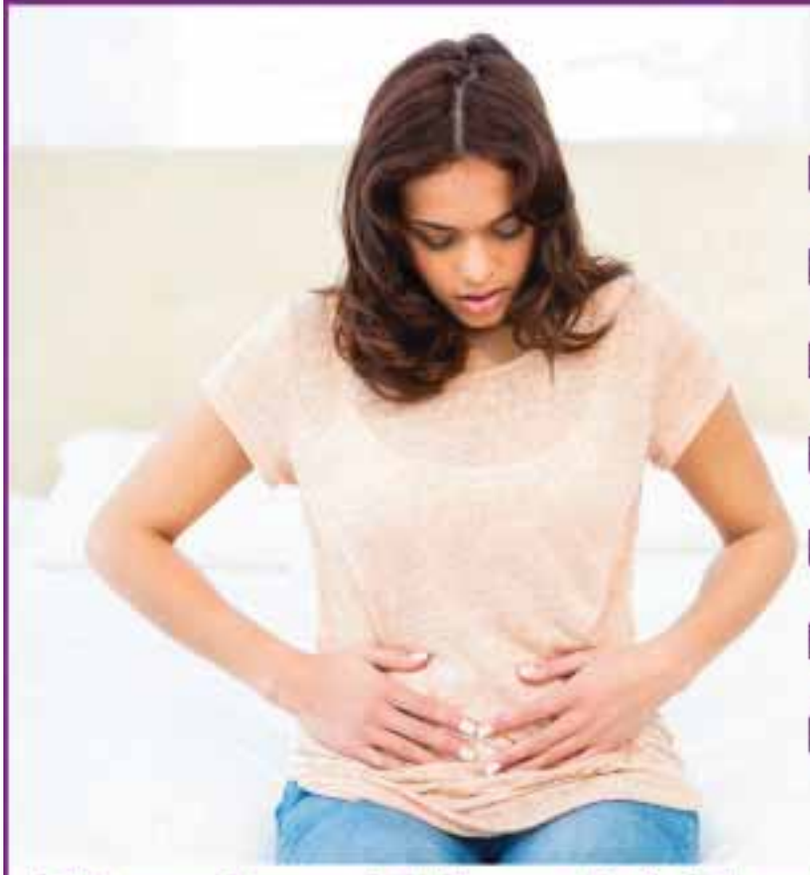

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DOES JESUS LOVE DONALD, TOO?

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Does Jesus love Donald Trump?

That's a trick question. Of course he does. The son of God loves everyone.

But that doesn't mean Jesus is a Republican. Or a Democrat. Or that he wanted us all to vote last November to Make America Great Again. That's not how the Prince of Peace rolls.

Same goes for Yahweh, for Muhammad, for Buddha — for all your major religious figures. They preach values. They teach understanding and forgiveness. They even sketch out moral and ethical codes. But they never, ever, ever — not once — tell the believers whom to vote for on Election Day.

So why should today's earthbound clergymen who claim to speak in the name of the divine? And if these modern-day Philistines insist on issuing endorsements from the pulpit, should their sermons really be subsidized by American taxpayers?

Jesus was clear on this. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," he told the church elders who were trying to trip him up with a question about Roman tax policy. Yes, 1,700 years before the Constitution, he was already promoting the separation between church and state.

What brings this up is Donald Trump's latest executive order, directing the IRS to quit enforcing the so-called Johnson Amendment. That sensible rule, which goes all the way back to Lyndon Johnson's days in Congress, says that ministers, priests, rabbis and other clergy can engage in lots of political activities — anything short of actual candidate endorsements. If they insist, they risk their churches' tax-exempt status.

No religious organization likes the sound of that!

President Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

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Hollywood wants Paris Jackson to be the next 'it girl'

Paris Jackson is like, a thing now. The daughter of Michael Jackson and Debbie Rowe has been everywhere, lately. And now, according to Page Six, the 19-year-old has signed a seven-figure deal with Calvin Klein. "This deal is to make Paris the new face and body of Calvin Klein," a source tells the site.

But who is Paris Jackson, anyway? Here's what we know about Hollywood's latest, ugh, "it girl."

A black woman

In a profile with Rolling Stone, Paris acknowledges that some people doubt her parentage. But for her, there's no question. "[Michael Jackson] is my father," she told the mag. "I consider myself black. [My dad] would look me in the eyes and he'd point his finger at me and he'd be like, 'You're black. Be proud of your roots.' And I'd be like, 'OK, he's my dad, why would he lie to me?'"

Kendall Jenner's BFF

E! Online reports that the two became fast friends after meeting at Paris Fashion Week. They're even buds on Instagram, so you know it's real.

To learn more about Paris Jackson's rapid ascension to fame, visit metro.us/entertainment.

Prince Harry & Meghan Markle make their official debut, kind of

Apparently, people love the royals. And as far as Prince Harry, I can see the appeal. He's tall, he's ginger, he's handsome.

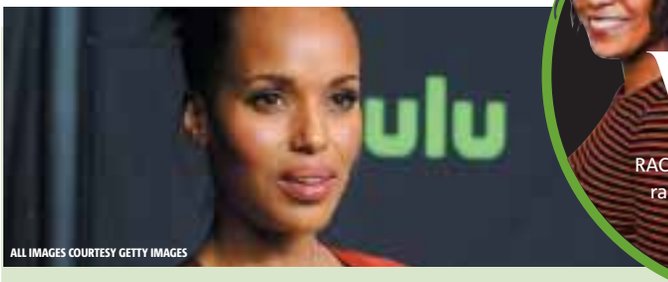
Also, for what it's worth, he's dating a regular. And not any ol' regular: He's dating Meghan Markle, an American, mixed-race actress. And now, they have kind of made their first public debut.

The "Suits" actress has spent her weekend showing her support for Harry at the Audi Polo Challenge at Coworth Park Polo Club in Ascot, England. Eddie Redmayne was there too!

According to People, the appearance marks the first time that Harry, 32, and Markle, 35, have attended a public event together. Even if they were mostly separated by a field.

But! On Sunday, the pair was snapped sharing a brief make out session after Young Ginge left the polo field. Hot

The couple is expected to make an appearance at Pippa Middleton's wedding on May 20. May the speculation about their own engagement and whether or not the queen even approves continue til then!



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Please let this Chris Rock and Kerry Washington rumor be false

Chris Rock is making a comeback, didn't you know? The 52-year-old comedian has been opening up about maybe cheating on his ex-wife with a variety of women while on his alimony tour. He's even gone into detail about cheating on his wife with three different women: one famous, one semifamous and one of the "retail class."

Now, sources are telling Page Six that the famous woman was allegedly the perfect, beautiful angel Kerry Washington.

According to the source, Rock cheated on his wife, Malaak Compton-Rock, while he and Washington were filming "I Think I Love My Wife." And yeah, that's a movie about him having fantasies of cheating on his wife. "That went on for a while, for like six months, and [Malaak] found out."

I'm wishing and hoping that this is nothing more than a rumor. Because like, Kerry Washington is too smart to succumb to the charms of one Chris Rock, right?

Zoe Saldana is opening up about her old friend, Britney Spears

The "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" actress revealed that her "Crossroads" co-star made news of her pregnancy public — before she was ready. Let us travel back to 2014, when the apocalypse was not so near.

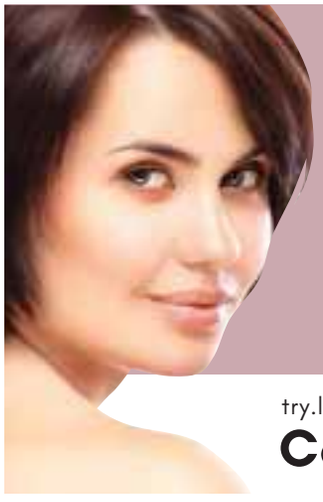
"We were on the same flight from L.A. to New York and we just talked," she explained on "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen." "It never even occurred to me to not to say anything."

Naturally, Spears, 35, later shared the news to "Entertainment Tonight."

Saldana was surprised about the reveal. "The way that it happened was so innocent that I never even thought of holding her accountable for anything. She was just being Britney."

Saldana welcomed her twins, Bowie and Zy, with husband Marco Perego later that year.

One thing is for damn sure: Britney Spears is gonna Britney.



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Thursday was a garbage day, so I took myself and my pre-existing conditions — you know, I'm an anxious, depressive female of reproductive age — to a dog comedy night for some levity.

Once a month, Bark & Co. — the dog-centric startup behind BarkBox, the monthly subscription service that delivers treats and toys to pampered pups nationwide — hosts a night of comedy at its Canal Street office. They call it Open Bark Night.

I'm familiar with the Bark cult's sense of humor; I follow the company on Instagram, where it posts dog memes that revel in the everyday goofiness of canine existence. Sometimes, it's a joke that only dog freaks would get: "Things I did today: Blow-dry my dog. Things I didn't do today: Wash my own hair." Often enough, it's humor any "hooman" can relate to, like a video of a tiny dog leaping into a giant bush, captioned "When you see someone in public you don't want to talk to."

Open Bark Nite host Katie Haller, pictured with regular attendee, Lexie.
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It's amusing stuff. But how would this express itself in a night of standup comedy? (What would it en-*tail*?) Would the dogs perform on their hind legs, like Animal (Funny) Farm? Are "dog jokes" a genre, like "dad jokes"?

I arrived post-work to Bark HQ, entering into a room teeming with humans and their furry sidekicks. (Sadly, my own dog, Phoebe, did not attend, as she was at home in Brooklyn; I came straight from Metro offices, which are not dog-enlightened.)

The night's emcee, comedian Katie Haller, who also runs the social-media accounts at Bark & Co., opened with a set of standard standup material — touching on sex, politics and self-deprecation — but modified through the lens of the dog world. Although I am a Dog Person, I don't think you had to be one to laugh.

She poked fun at her job — "I make dog memes for a living because I wanted to use my degree" — and herself, by way of an office wiener dog named Edgar that she's bros with: "He has small legs like me, we understand each other." OK, so there were a couple poop jokes — an anecdote about a large turd-shaped pillow that one of the office dogs loves to hump: "It just confirms my theory, it's always the normal-looking ones who are into the weird s—." And she got political, too: "Pit bulls get a really horrible reputation, and it's so unfair. I don't know what they did to deserve being associated with such a horrible musician ... you know what's aggressive? Calling yourself 'Mr. Worldwide' and wearing sunglasses and a f—g fedora inside."

Of the six comedians who did sets during the night, not everybody did dog material. Comedian Tracey Carnazzo, who has been featured on "Funny for Fido," a comedy project that raises funds for shelter dogs, kept her topics to internet dating and her recent breakup, and didn't mine our four-legged friends for fodder once.

The dog crowd was lit. A dachshund wearing a "Star Wars" shirt was in attendance — it was May the 4th, after all. A Yorkie mix named Lexie, wearing sunglasses, a floral dress and powered by a doggie wheelchair, sat in the front row all night. One married couple, Colleen and Geoff Leonard, drove down two hours from Peekskill with their chihuahaha mixes Batman and Lucy (wearing a Batman and shark outfit, respectively), to attend the show. They were essentially recruited via DM after liking a recent @Bark Insta post from their dogs' account @batmanandlucy, they said.

Chihuahua mix Lucy was there, wearing a shark costume.
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Haller told me in the year they've been doing the show, it's now appealing to more than just dog owners. "Now it's people who are like, 'Yeah I'll come pet some dogs! I don't have a dog, but I'll come.'"

The 29-year-old does comedy in venues around town, where the crowds tend not to have canines. When I asked her how that makes doing a set different, she said, "You can always go to a dog. If it gets awkward, you can be like — let's look at this pit bull wearing pearls!"

In fact, that was my canine companion for the night — a tripod pit in pink pearls, who would intermittently nuzzle my shoulder and make a small whining sound. (Maybe he did not find the jokes funny?)

When I got home, I told Phoebe all the best bits, and then I slept like a dog, my anxieties abated.

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Dave Bautista doesn't want to be set on fire

The wrestler-turned-"Guardians of the Galaxy" star talks about the stunts he won't do.

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Dave Bautista (with Pom Klementieff) returns as Drax the Destroyer in "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," in theaters now. MARVEL STUDIOS

Remember when Dave Bautista was a wrestler? He's not one anymore. Now he's a movie star, thanks to the first "Guardians of the Galaxy." As literal-minded behemoth Drax the Destroyer, he's the gang's most powerful kicker of alien ass. In the sequel "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," he makes for a reliable source of deadpan comic relief as well. He even gets to play a little emotional this time around, mourning his lost spouse and tiptoeing around a flirtation with an unusual newcomer.

Underneath lovable lunkhead Drax's red-and-blue facepaint, however, Dave Bautista is human after all. We talked to the actor, 48, about scoring Bruce Lee tapes, Florida and his reasonable reluctance to be set on fire.

Doing film stunts must be a completely different animal than physical sparring. How do those stack up against one another?

As far as fight choreography in films goes, I love doing it. I prefer to do it myself. But I have a very capable stuntman, who I'll call without hesitation if there's a bigger stunt. For example, there was a part in "Spectre" where I had to get set on fire, and I was very honest right from the beginning: I just had absolutely zero interest in getting set on fire. Like, "I would really appreciate not getting set on fire."I don't have that type of personality where I can prove I'm a tough guy by letting someone set me on fire.

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I recently saw a quote from someone — I can't remember who, I want to say Tom Cruise— saying that it's a matter of putting the work above pride, not wanting to jeopardize a production just to prove you've got big balls.

Absolutely. But that wasn't Tom Cruise, I can tell you that.

Right, because doing his own stunts is his whole thing. I've been on a film where I've gotten injured, and the whole production just has to shut down. So it doesn't make sense to draw all that trouble over something stupid. I'm just not qualified to get set on fire.

Next Level

It looks to me like you're about to get bumped up to the next level of stardom — you've landed a major franchise, and you're going to be in "Blade Runner 2049" this fall. Has there been an adjustment, going from the fame of a wrestler to that of a movie star?I live in Tampa, and I live a very simple life. I don't get recognized that much, and when I do, I'd say 95 percent of the time it's from wrestling. People still don't make the connection with "Guardians of the Galaxy,"or if they do, it's because they followed me there from wrestling. I don't mind it. It makes sense; I was on TV every week for almost 10 years, so of course that's what they'll know me from.

Florida's a weird state. The most bizarre crime reports all come from Florida, I've noticed.
My mom always says she likes coming to visit me in Florida just to watch the news. She lives in San Francisco and she just loves it. It's like watching "The Jerry Springer Show."

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Nick from 'The Handmaid's Tale' is the boyfriend we all deserve

Max Minghella GETTY IMAGES

Max Minghella, the actor who plays him, ain't so bad either.

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We've already established that here at Metro, we love "The Handmaid's Tale." It's a very thoughtful show that explores feminism, patriarchy and how a totalitarian regime is probably lurking just around the corner IRL. And it's an important show for these pre-apocalyptic times.

But you know what I appreciate the most in this series? The Waterfords' driver, Nick, as played by Max Minghella. He is very attractive and frankly, it is a pleasant distraction from all the bad, uncomfortable stuff going on. His and Offred's subtle flirtation is not at all a central focus of the series (at least not yet) but it is delightful to witness and frankly I would very much like more of it immediately, thank you very much.

In last week's episode, we only get a brief glimpse of him as he drives silently in the rain, low-key brooding while Offred explodes in the backseat. She bangs against the glass that separates them, screaming obscenities and venting her frustrations and — because he's just like a great listener — he simply lets her have her moment without trying to interrupt it with his words or his mansplaining. Because he cares.

In the third episode, his face gets so close to Offred's face that sexual tension bounced from my television, into my forehead and knocked me out cold. JK! But it probably could have if I wasn't lying down and half asleep already!

Max Minghella himself isn't bad either. Here's what we know about him.

He's Hollywood royalty

The 31-year-old, official name Max Giorgio Choa Minghella, is the son of Carolyn Choa, a Hong Kong-born choreographer, and the late director Anthony Mighella. He made a little movie called "The English Patient" — maybe you've heard of it?

He's been around for a bit

Minghella has appeared in a bit of everything. He starred in "The Social Network," as Divya Narendra, co-founder of Facebook rival ConnectU. He also played Danny's little brother, Richie Castellano, in "The Mindy Project."

And he's multitalented

The British babe is set to make his directorial debut with "Teen Spirit," an emotional underdog story set in the world of pop music, starring Elle Fanning. Ooh!

He was very nearly a Mr. Mara

He dated Kate Mara for four years, so obviously there's at least one other person in the world who shares my enthusiasm for this dude.

So yeah, if we could induct Max Minghella into the Internet #boyfriend Hall of Fame, that would be very good.

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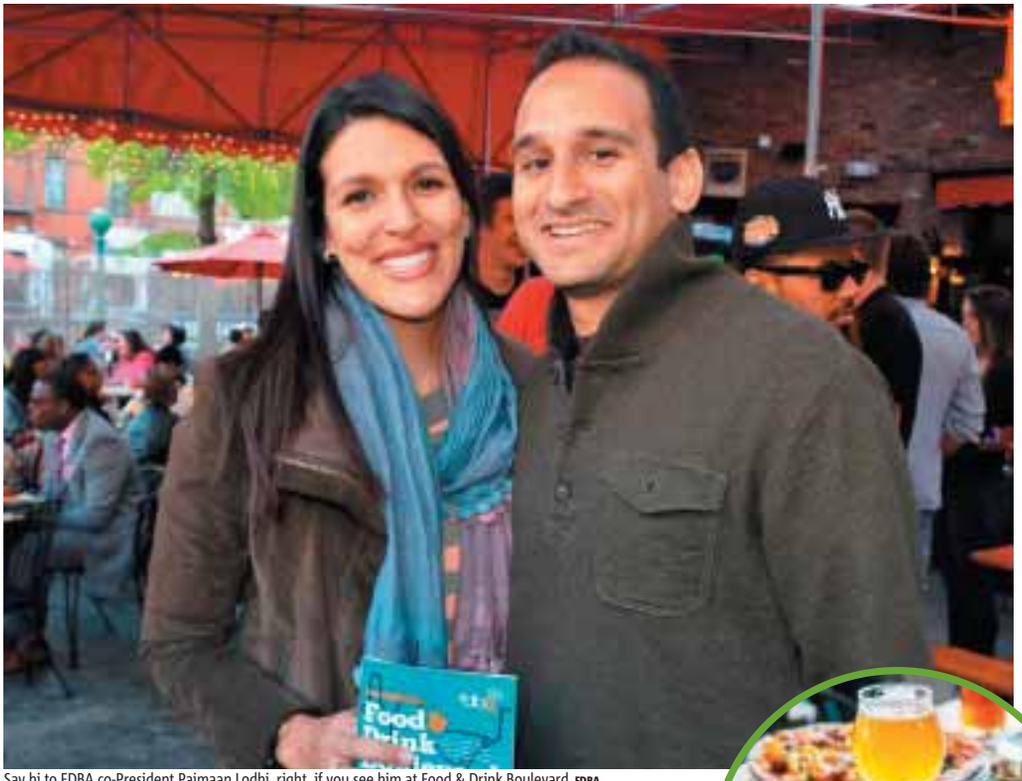

Say hi to FDBA co-President Paimaan Lodhi, right, if you see him at Food & Drink Boulevard. FDBA

In case you've been sleeping on Harlem, the food scene north of 96th Street is very much worth your time — and May 10 is your day to discover it all on a $5 food crawl.

The sixth annual Food & Drink Boulevard is back on Wednesday, May 10, from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., with 19 restaurants and bars offering $5 specials with a free wristband from the Frederick Douglass Boulevard Alliance, the nonprofit community group that promotes Harlem's Restaurant Row between 112th and 124th streets.

"Harlem has quickly emerged as one of New York's important culinary scenes," says Paimaan Lodhi, co-president of the FDBA. "Our annual festival is a great way of sharing that experience more broadly, while also creating a festive event for the community."

Since all the venues are along Frederick Douglass Boulevard, the event is more like a street party as people walk from venue to venue (there's also free pedicab service in case you overindulge).

"Food and Drink Boulevard is always a great night," adds FDBA co-President Susannah Koteen.

"With so many people out and about stopping in to the many bars and restaurants, there is a festive atmosphere. It is a great way to kick off the summer!"

Among the participants are modern Italian spot Lido, the overloaded rectangular pie joint Custom Fuel Pizza and Turkish spot Savann, beloved for its delicately crafted desserts.

Reserve a wristband — which, it's worth noting again, is totally free — online or pick one up at Harlem Tavern or Angel of Harlem to get the $5 deals. You'll get an electronic map to guide your way.

Loved what you ate? Take a chance on scoring another great deal in the FDBA's raffle, with the money going to support local women- and minority-owned businesses and community initiatives.

Beer lovers will enjoy Hope House Harlem. FACEBOOK

While you're thinking about food in Harlem, the third annual Harlem EatUp! Festival is coming May 15-21 to showcase the neighborhood at dinners with its best chefs, parties at its most iconic restaurants, and free weekend art and food markets.

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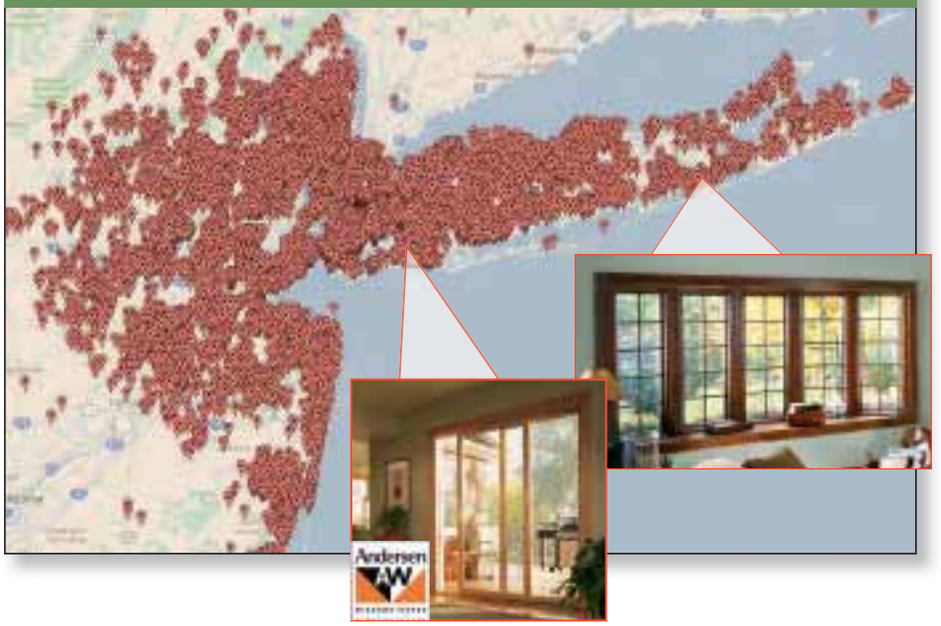

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National Nurses Week began Saturday, which means it's time to celebrate and learn more about this in-demand field. Between taking care of patients, educating the public about health conditions and providing emotional support to family members, a nurse's job affects a very large community.

We spoke with Diane Mancino, the executive director at the National Student Nurses Association, to find out more about this widely respected and highly valued profession:

What does a nurse do?

In its most simplified form, "the nurse's role is to keep patients healthy, bring them back to health, and provide them comfort when they cannot be brought back to health, by allowing them to have a comfortable passing," says Mancino.

Throughout the day, nurses stay in close contact with patients, assessing their progress, their physical and mental needs, and providing the necessary treatment. That can range anywhere from making sure they're taking their medications to coordinating care from other services such as physical therapy or social work.

"Nurses look at patients holistically," says Mancino. "They're not just looking at a specific body system — they're looking at all of the needs of a patient."

What schooling do you need?

"Nursing, unlike other health professions, has several entry points," says Mancino. Students can either get a bachelor of science degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing or a diploma from an approved nursing program.

After that, they need to take the National Council Licensure Examination so they can become either a registered or practical nurse.

What's the typical salary?

The median annual salary for registered nurses was $68,450 in May 2016, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. The best-paid 10 percent in the profession made $102,990, while the lowest-paid 10 percent made $47,120.

Is it hard to find employment?

Between the large number of registered nurses who are retiring and the aging baby boomers, "we're seeing an increase in demand for nurses," says Mancino.

"And not only in acute-care settings, but also in the community," she continues. "We have a lot of older people who have chronic illnesses — things like arthritis and diabetes — that need to be monitored at home to make sure they're taking their medications correctly and getting the services and supplies that they need."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics also expects the profession to grow 16 percent by 2024, during which an estimated 439,300 jobs will open up.

The pros

One of the best parts of the job is the fact that there are so many different areas to work in.

You can become a nurse educator and teach nursing, work as a nurse researcher, or even go into advanced practice nursing where you're doing primary care in different settings, Mancino explains. "If you get bored in one place doing one thing, you can always switch it up."

There's also the respect that comes with the profession, says Mancino. "We have high ethical standards, are recognized for being honest and, I think probably more than anything else, we're there for patients around the clock."

The cons

Students right out of nursing school tend to wind up on the night shift, says Mancino.

"And while some people with children might like it because they can be home during the day when their kids need them, for most people, working nights isn't very pleasurable."

Plus, "with the shortage that's beginning to show up and the inadequate staffing, some nurses might have to do more than the normal work load and take on extra patients," she continues.

The job can be emotionally challenging.

"Nurses have to learn to cope with and understand the emotions families and patients have to go through when they're experiencing pain, or being told that they have a diagnosis of cancer," says Mancino.

"It's part of the job. You have to be able to do that."

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Coding has been gaining popularity lately, prompting an eruption of classes and programs that promise to transform students into agile programmers. But none of them compare with a new coding boot camp — one that not only pays students to learn, but also offers them a job after completion.

The Virginia-based company, Revature, which has been setting up classrooms at college campuses nationwide offers this unique 12-week crash course.

The best part of the program: There's no student debt and no post-grad job-hunting frenzy. Those who are accepted are paid an hourly wage of $11, and are later employed by one of Revature's partner companies — which range from Capital One to the Department of Labor.

"Coming out of college, I read tons of job listings asking for years, sometimes even decades worth of experience, using tools I was unfamiliar with," 23-year-old recent Revature grad, Travis Pierre recounts.

It was during the course of the program, that he learned everything he would need to obtain his current role as a software developer for a federal agency.

"What differentiates us from normal coding boot camps is that we're teaching students the specific skills that our clients — where they're going to work — have said they want these individuals to have," says Joe Vacca, the company's CMO.

If a student is looking to start working for American Express, that means they'll begin with a thorough training in a financial institution related system, says Vacca. "That way, when you get there, you'll realize, that 70 percent of the tech work is done with the skill set that you have, so your ability to move ahead in that organization is much easier."

Students learn more than just coding — they also run through a series of communication exercises.

It's in Revature's best interest to get its students properly trained for a particular organization. The company operates on an employer-paid model. "We only make money once the software engineer is deployed at our client location," explains Vacca.

He says with minor exceptions, almost all of the individuals who complete the program go to work on a client project, and 85 percent of those go on to work for our client as full-time employee.

Feedback from corporate clients informs that employers want workers who are more than just technologically competent, says Vacca.

"One thing we've heard loud and clear was: We need better communication skills," he explains. "There's always going to be the stereotype of the software developer sitting in a backroom and coding for 48 hours straight, but that's not a reality."

Instead, coders are often speaking to different units throughout the company, so they need to understand how businesses work and how to communicate effectively, says Vacca.

To prepare for this, students are tasked with completing a series of "soft-skill" exercises, which include going out to Starbucks and sparking up a conversation with a complete stranger. They also run through mock interviews, prepare for serious business meetings, and are even prepped on how to dress professionally.

For Pierre, that means heading off to work each day with confidence.

"It feels amazing being able to hold your own in a room full of mid- to-senior level developers," he says.

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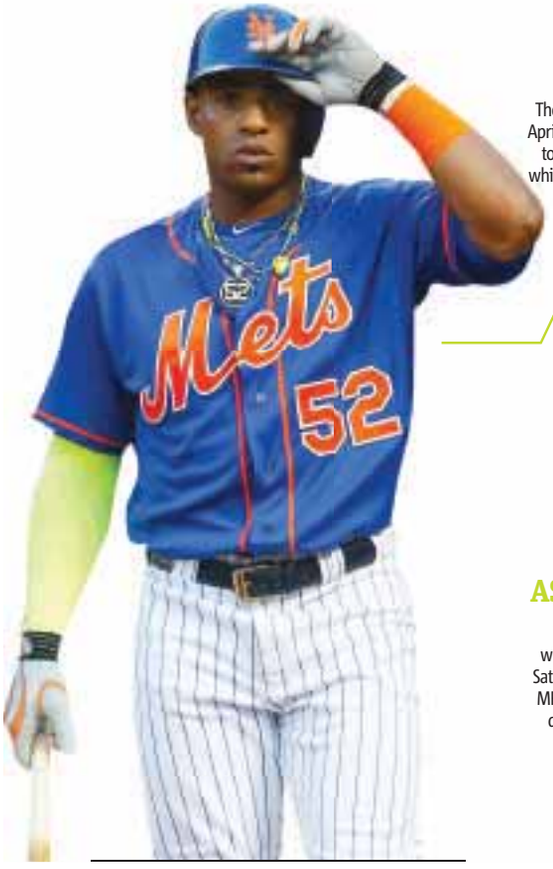

MEET THE MESS

Looking at the Mets injured in the past month.

JOE PANTORNO

YOENISCESPEDES

The biggest bat in the Mets lineup has been out since April 27 due to a pulled hamstring. The Mets attempted to rest him instead of placing him on the DL sooner, which further aggravated the injury while legging out a double. He might not be back until June.

LUCASDUDA

Last year, it was his back. This year, Duda has been out since April 20 because of a hyperextended elbow. Mets general manager Sandy Alderson hopes to have him back in about a week.

ASDRUBALCABRERA

The shortstop injured his left thumb while diving for a ball in the hole during Saturday's win over the Miami Marlins. An MRI on Sunday came back negative as he did not sustain any ligament damage.

STEVEN MATZ

The young left-hander continues to see his MLB career sidetracked due to injuries. A strained flexor tendon in his elbow saw him lose his spot in the starting rotation. However, he could return by late May.

SETHLUGO

Lugo was also a candidate for a lower spot in the Mets' rotation. But a partially torn UCL saw him lose out and hit the DL instead. He could be back before June.

BRANDONNIMMO

The center fielder was expected to make the Mets' roster ahead of Michael Conforto before a hamstring injury picked up in the World Baseball Classic derailed his MLB hopes. Even when he returns to health, Nimmo might not come back to the big club due to Conforto's success.

NOAHSYNDERGAARD

The Mets' ace was placed on the 60-day disabled list on Sunday after Matt Harvey's three-game suspension. Syndergaard tore his lat last Sunday against the Washington Nationals and has been shut down for at least six weeks.

TRAVISD'ARNAUD

During one of the best stretches of his career, d'Arnaud has been forced to the sidelines with a bone bruise in his right wrist. The Mets placed him on the DL and there is no timetable for his return.

Knicks star Kristaps Porzingis raises eyebrows with tweet to Clippers

The future of the Knicks franchise is currently in Europe making news on social media.

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There should probably be a rule outlawing professional athletes from Twitter considering it does nothing but get them into trouble.

Add Kristaps Porzingis to that list over the weekend as a few smiley face emojis freaked out an entire fan base and made every single NBA reporter jump out of their chair.

On Saturday night, Porzingis, who is spending the summer in Europe, tweeted three smiley faces to the Los Angeles Clippers at around 8 p.m. Eastern, 2 a.m. his time.

That's right, three little emojis almost set the basketball world on fire.

While the tweet in itself was alarming to those believing that Porzingis wants out of New York, it was even more so because it came a day after ESPN.com reported that multiple teams inquired about the Latvian's availability on the trade market.

However, Porzingis' representation remains adamant that his account was hacked after the tweet was quickly deleted.

Had he actually tweeted that though, his apparent happiness with the Clippers might be for another reason.

The Knicks and Clippers have been linked to a deal involving Carmelo Anthony, who will likely be shipped off this summer as New York attempts to rebuild around Porzingis.

Kristaps Porzingis' Twitter bewildered many after a tweet to the Los Angeles Clippers emerged. GETTY IMAGES

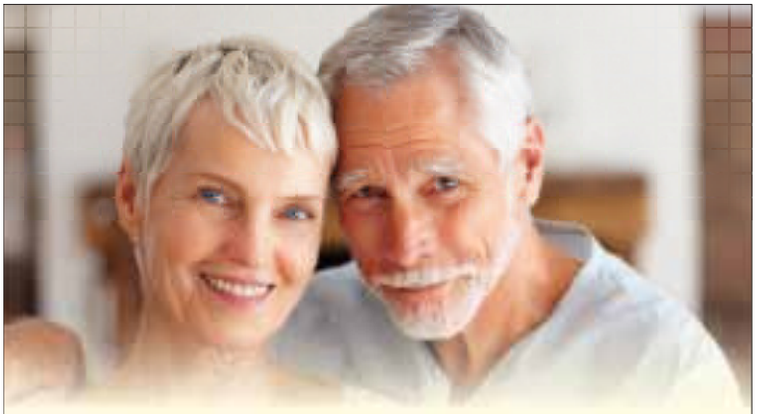
League executives told Marc Berman of the New York Post that they "expect to re-engage" in trade talks soon, with point guard J.J. Redick as the main return for the Knicks.

Porzingis has been unhappy with the way the Knicks have been run over his first two years in the NBA.

It prompted him to skip his end-of-season meetings with Knicks president Phil Jackson and take an extended trip to his home country over the summer.

Both Porzingis and Jackson still have not spoken while the Knicks president admitted that anyone on the roster could be traded.

However, dealing the 7-foot-3 big man that can score from anywhere on the floor would quickly become the most boneheaded transaction ever made by a franchise that has been one of the laughing stocks of the league for the past 16 years.



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Yankees slugger Aaron Judge has become a household name after his scorching start to the 2017 MLB season. GETTY IMAGES

COURT IS NOW IN SESSION: JUDGE THRIVING IN NEW YORK

OPINION

MARC MALUSIS
@marcmalusis

"All rise, here comes the Judge!"

On WFAN, that is part of the home run call by Yankees radio play-by-play man John Sterling after an Aaron Judge home run.

He is not only the biggest player in Major League Baseball but is quickly becoming one of their biggest young stars. The rise of Aaron Judge is eerily similar to that of Gary Sanchez a year ago. It is decidedly different though because this is the second go-around for Judge after his initial breakthrough to the major-league level was less than stellar.

Entering Sunday, Judge had 13 home runs, 27 RBIs, a .320 batting average, and a .416 on-base percentage. He's not only a Rookie of the Year candidate in the American League, but he is also an MVP candidate.

It is more than ironic to think how the team and the player go hand in hand. Judge was a young player that many soured on, just like the Yankees. But both have surprised this season due to a myriad different reasons.

What adds to the allure of Judge is not only his size and power but the sheer force in which he hits the baseball. He has the second hardest hit baseball this season at 117.2 mph. He has become must-see TV where you drop what you are doing to watch what he is going to do next.

He carries himself like a Yankee. He is calm, cool and confident and even handled his manager comparing him to Derek Jeter as well as you can possibly imagine.

What a difference a few months and a turn of the calendar year make because it was not that long ago when the conversation surrounding Judge was about his 42 strikeouts in 84 at-bats after being called up in mid-August last season.

The early comparisons were to Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton because of his sheer size and athletic presence and his raw power that generated jaw-dropping batting practice blasts.

There was never a doubt about his power, the question was what

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HOME RUNS AARON JUDGE HIT IN THE YANKEES' FIRST 26 GAMES

kind of hitter would he become on the major league level. After his initial glimpse, there were many pundits that were ready to turn the page. You heard the initial criticism, lack of pitch recognition, all or nothing hitter, overmatched. After just 84 at bats, Judge had already been weighed and measured and was deemed not good enough.

At the time, people failed to look at the adjustments that he has made at every level in the minor leagues. After initial struggles, he figured it out and thrived. We have all witnessed a similar adjustment and a different hitter this year. I never expected Judge to thrive in the style and fashion that he has so far this season, but his approach at the plate is noticeably different and he hits everything and he hits it hard.

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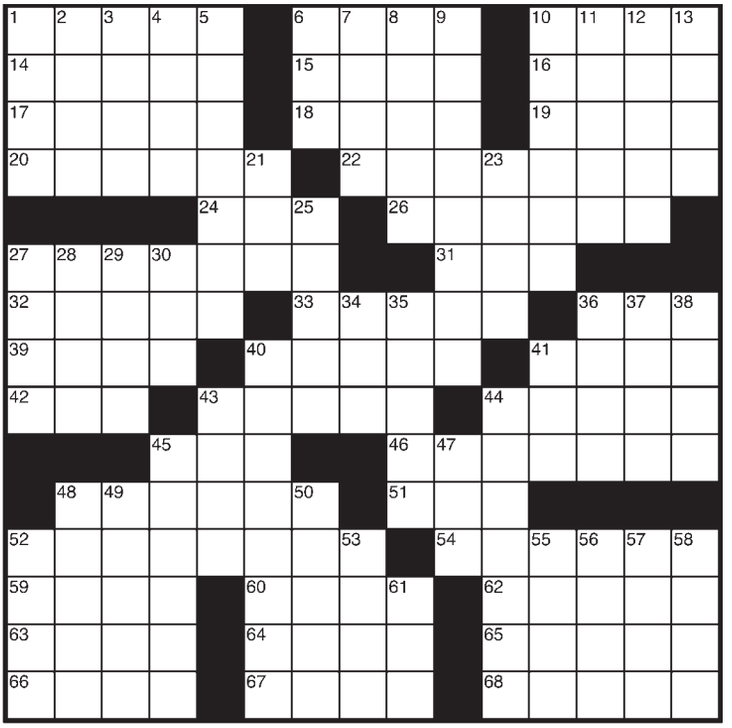
39 Important decades
40 Barely warm
41 La -- Tar Pits
42 Rorem or Beatty
43 Nuzzles
44 Rain forest parrot
45 Airport closer
46 Joust competitors
48 Goal or aim
51 Chicago White --
52 Parson
54 Digs deep
59 Feedbag morsels
60 Ice pellets
62 Grofe's "Grand Canyon --"
63 Long hike
64 Perry's creator
65 "Das Boot" craft (hyph.)
66 Painless
67 Bread grains
68 Trappers' commodity

Down

1 Vicious
2 Raison d'--
3 Barge pushers
4 Fusses
5 Indulgent
6 Ball club VIP
7 Baldwin of films
8 Jungle warnings
9 Tremendous!
10 Quagmires
11 Falcon's lair
12 Blow a paycheck
13 Just for guys
21 Subway opposites
23 Makes public
25 Oui and si
27 "Fargo" director
28 Fisherman's fly
29 Hoople expletive
30 Sighs of relief
34 Goodall subject
35 Dangers
36 Foot part
37 Fastidious
38 Swerves
40 Reunited
41 Luggage
43 Eggy drinks
44 Confuses (2 wds.)
45 Like a kitten
47 Go-ahead
48 Dainty ornament
49 Poker stakes
50 All choked up
52 Speck of dust
53 Annoy
55 Garage service
56 Cello kin
57 Coup d'--
58 Hardens, as cement
61 Brown of big bands



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Aries Stay focused on what you must accomplish. Letting personal matters deter you from taking care of your work responsibilities will leave you in an awkward position.

Taurus Do your own thing and protect against anyone or anything that threatens you or your success. Subtle changes will help bolster your confidence.

Gemini Don't wait for someone to intervene in a situation or put pressure on you. Make up your mind and move in a direction that will help you live life your way.

Cancer Say little and do a lot. Work quietly on your own and accomplish your goals. Don't let anyone meddle in your affairs or take advantage of your kindheartedness.

Leo An open mind and a warm-hearted approach to life will help you keep bullies at arm's length. Greater involvement in peace and environmental organizations is favored.

Virgo Contracts, agreements and home improvements will spring up out of necessity. An unexpected expense should be dealt with smartly. Don't overspend.

Libra Proceed with caution when dealing with domestic problems. Someone will be erratic and will overreact without notice. Choose your words wisely.

Scorpio There will be plenty of unspoken words that will keep you in the dark. When dealing with contractual, financial and health issues, ask questions.

Sagittarius Get out and engage in things you believe in and enjoy doing. Set a schedule that includes what motivates you, and start living life to its fullest.

Capricorn When dealing with institutions or government agencies or traveling to foreign countries, you should be cautious. Overreacting will not work out well.

Aquarius Make good and uphold an old promise you made to yourself or someone from your past. Attending a reunion or repaying an old debt will make you feel good.

Pisces If you are honest about the past, it will be easier to face the future. Reconnecting with someone will have an impact on your life. EUGENIA LAST

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